

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 4, 2007. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 12 and 17 are independent. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10-13 and 17-20 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 21-23 have been added to afford the Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-8, 10-14 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,329,920 (*Morrison*). As explained below the amendments made to Claims 1, 12 and 17 renders their rejections moot.

The specification has been amended as to matters of form.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 9 and 15 include allowable subject matter and that these would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The recitations of Claims 9 and 15 have been incorporated into independent Claims 1 and 12. Claims 2-8, 10-11, 13, 14, 16, 21 and 22 respectively depend from one of these independent claims and, thus, remain in dependent form.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16, 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance. This leaves independent Claim 17 unallowed.

Independent Claim 17 is a computer-readable storage medium claim amended to include the same features corresponding to those of dependent Claims 9 and 15. Accordingly, Claim 17 is believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as Claims 1 and 12.

Claims 18-20, and 23 depend from independent Claim 17 and, therefore, are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons.

Applicants have further amended the claims to correct antecedent basis and submit that these changes do not narrow the scope of any claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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